(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) The concept of e-auction has been implemented on a trial basis after taking into account the concerns of small coal consumers who were not getting adequate coal or did not have coal linkage, from official channel of coal supply. These consumers can now participate in the bidding process, through e-auction to draw coal from the preferred sources. A final decision on continuation or otherwise will be taken after independent evaluation of e-auction on trial basis.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Tariff Commission under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry is yet to work out modalities in respect of pricing mechanism etc.

(c) and (d) Ten million tonnes of coal has been earmarked for sale under e-auction trials during the year 2005-06.

Dis-satisfaction among persons displaced by land acquisition

901. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the wide spread dis-satisfaction among the population displaced by acquisition of land for coal mines at the announcement by authorities in Government and Coal India Ltd. to the effect that jobs would not be provided against displacement as was done earlier and the attempts by subsidiaries of Coal India to acquire agricultural lands of villages in coal bearing areas by leaving out the homesteads of populous villages within acquisition to avoid giving rehabilitation benefits like employment; and

(b) if so, the measures being considered by Government to remedy the situtation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) No decision has been taken by the Governments so far to change the existing Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy of Coal India Limited, where there is, among other things, provision for employment in exceptional cases against land acquired, to fill up vacancies subject to the land losers meeting the eligibility criteria.

(b) Does not arise.